

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A restriction requirement was issued by the Examiner between the following two groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-18;

Group II: claims 19-37.

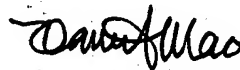
In response to this restriction requirement, Group II, claims 19-37, has been elected without traverse. Group I is accordingly withdrawn without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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